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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DWAYNE D. LEISMER

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For: CONTROL LINE CUTTING SAFETY
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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Sharon U. Dart

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003, for which the three-month date for response is February 4, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks to the Office Action begin on page 9 of this paper.

If an extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this paper is to be construed as also

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constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$86.00 for the one additional independent claim. However, if the check should be missing or insufficient, or if any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2032.006800DCD.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.